



# The Principia.

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made familiar through the public press, with the arguments I have this evening presented to you. They knew they could not answer them. Hence the demand. Hence also the ready responses to the demand. President Buchanan led the way in his last annual Message. He was seconded by Mr. Crittenden of Kentucky, who introduced the proposal into his famous Resolutions. It was favorably received by the Congressional Committee of Thirty-three. It was urged by the voluntary assemblage of leading politicians known as the Pacification or Peace Congress. It was assented to by Mr. Seward, in both his speeches, in the Senate. It was advocated in many political journals, and even, hypothetically, in the *New York Tribune*. And finally, the contemplated change was passed upon by both Houses of Congress, in a vote recommended to the States to ratify the proposed amendment. The recommendation was approved and signed by President Buchanan, and forwarded to the Governors of the several States, and by them communicated to the State Legislatures. Gov. Morgan of New York recommended its adoption. In one or two of the States, I think, it was adopted. President Lincoln, on his accession to office, and afterward, expressed his assent to the measure.

While the world stands, and while the records of our national history are preserved, these events of 1860-61, will bear testimony that the present generation of American Statesmen are not ignorant of the national authority under the Federal Constitution, to abolish slavery in the States. In Europe, the testimony was, at once, noticed, and its significance understood. This gives emphasis to the European inquiry and wonder, why our National Government postpones the abolition of slavery, the acknowledged law of the rebellion.



## THE PRINCIPIA.

## Family Miscellany.

For the Principia.

## Babylon Falling.

The known, red Babylon of American slavery ; falling with broken bonds ; rising, claiming known the slaves of other nations. It is falling ! Amen, Alleluia !

Babylon.

It is falling, it is falling !  
The Almighty speed the day,  
When the nation's giant thunders  
Shall forever pass away !

Where the hated fetters riven,  
From the soul's dear soul and binds.  
He shall not old freedom's temple  
Opening wide her gates to him.

Tyrant, hear the anxious warning :  
Gaze as thy palace wall  
Is stern, cold hand is writing,  
*"Thy end Babylon shall fail!"*

Where are now the old oppressors ?  
Pased in fire and blood away !  
Hell grieves thee at thy coming !  
Thyself shall be as they.

It is falling, falling, falling !

By the wise, green earth abhorred ;  
Deep to Deep for judgment calling,  
It shall perish, saith the Lord !

Poach, though its hands to strengthen,  
Foot-sore wins her brand —

Poach, though its reign to strengthen,  
Traitors strangle hand in hand !

E. D.

## The World's Age.

BY CHARLES KINGSTON.

Who will say the world is dying ?  
Who will say our prime is past ?

Sparks from Heaven within us lying,  
Flash, and will flash to the last.

Fools ! who fancy Christ mistakes ;  
Man a tool to buy and sell :

Earth a failure, God forsaken,  
Anterior of Hell !

Still the race of Hero Spirits

Pass the lamp from hand to hand :  
Age from age the Words inherits—

—Wise and Child, and Fatherland.—

Still the youthful heart gathers

Every joy from cold hard wood ;

He will dare as dared his fathers,  
Give him cause as good !

While a slave bewails his fetters ;

While an Orphan pleads in vain ;

While an infant lies his letters,

While a young grape-tree for kissing ;

While a man from whom is wrong ;

Know by every want and blessing ;

That the world is young.

From the Portage County Democrat.

## A Latty.

BY HESTER A. BENEDICT.

Sleep, little darling, sleep !

Sleep, for the star-bearans are falling :

Sleep—for the bluebird is calling

Her roving mate back to her nest—

Calm is the blue sky above there—

Proud are the young hearts that love these :

Ever so lightly—

Ever so brightly—

Sleep, love, and sleeping, find rest !

Dream little darling, dream rest !

For the Principia.

## The Perfect Pattern.

THE HOLY CHILD JESUS.

A word to our little Readers.

There is no friend like Jesus,

So gentle, kind and true ;

This friend is always near us,

And sees what we do."

E.

Little readers, do you want an example,

beautiful, safe, heavenly ? perfect as perfect can be, without spot, blemish, or any such thing ? a pattern to imitate in all you think, say and do—calculated to make you happy, happy forever ? Where will you look for such a pattern ? When will you find it ? On earth ? There have been great men, good men, wise men—very great, good and wise, from the days of Enoch till now ; but where, among all the sons and daughters of Adam, can we point you to one, even that would be safe to imitate in all things ? The greatest, wisest, and best men on earth have nothing, save what God gives, and are subject to like passions as we are ; liable to err, mistake in judgment—they have nothing good or praiseworthy, save what is received ; their light is borrowed light. "God grant it may," said the boy, solemnly, "and I thank you, in his name."

Many weeks had passed away, and one bright, sunshiny day the lady again entered the cottage where she had once taken shelter ; but this time she was the bearer of good news. Since her last visit she had been reading some missionary books, and God had led her to see the importance of missions, and inclined her heart to help them ; so she had spoken to the clergyman, and to some other people in the village, and the result was, that they were going to have missionary meetings and a missionary school in the village, exhibiting as a general result, the fact that there is a continual progress in development, ending in man, the four classes of vertebrates—the constant accessory accompaniment. Have we not here the manifestation of a mind as powerful as prolific ? the acts of an intelligent as sublime as provident ? the marks of goodness as infinite as wise ? the most palpable demonstration of the existence of a personal God, author of all things, ruler of the universe, and dispenser of all good ! This, at least, is what I read, in the works of creation.

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